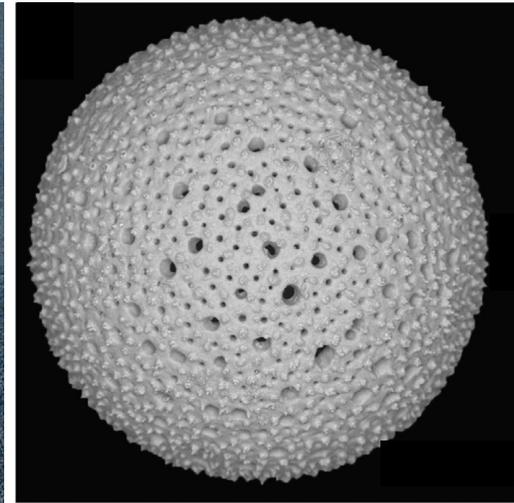
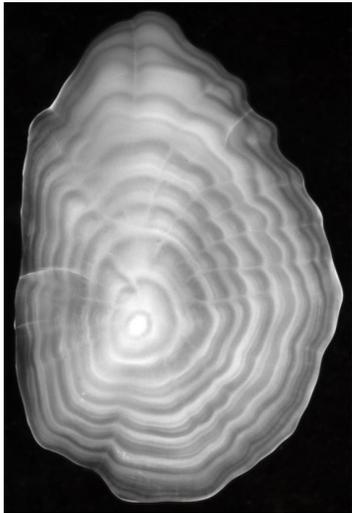


# MICROANALYSIS OF OXYGEN ISOTOPE RATIOS II: BIOCARBONATES

John Valley  
and *MANY* others

I: Silicates (Tomorrow)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

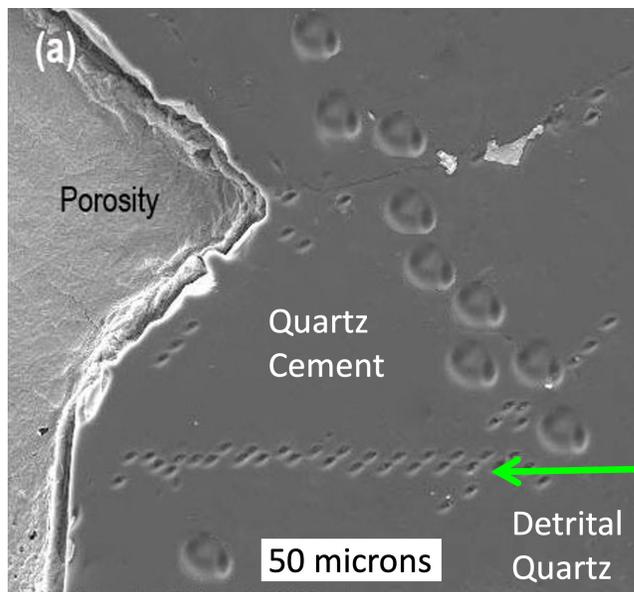
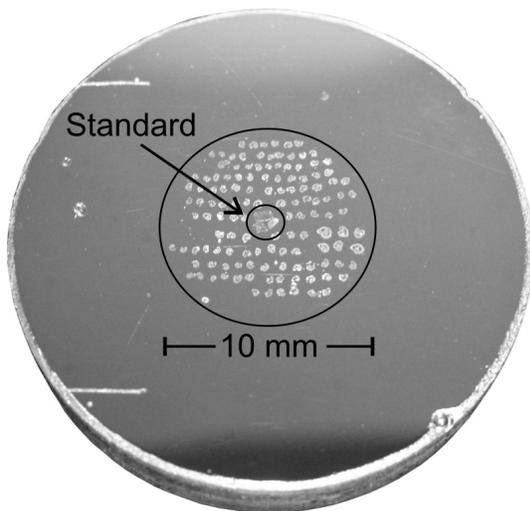


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**SIMS**  
IMS-1280



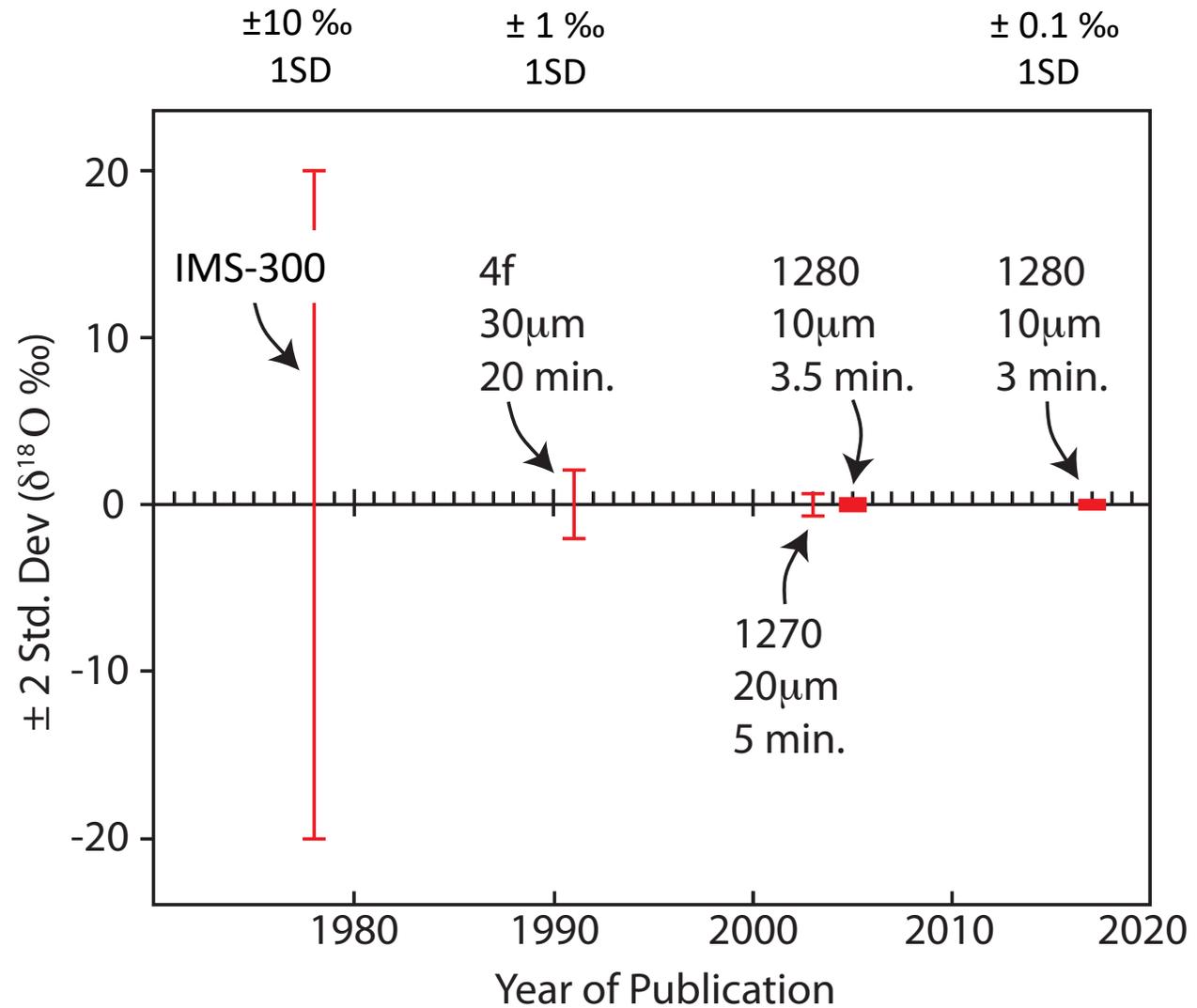
In situ analysis  
1-10 micrometer spot  
 $10^{-9}$  -  $10^{-12}$  g

Million to billion times smaller than GSMS!  
Spatially resolved

# Oxygen Isotopes- SIMS

40 years of Improvement

- Analytical Precision
- Spot size
- Speed
- Reliability
- Accuracy



Giletti et al. 1978  
Valley & Graham 1991  
Cavosie et al. 2003, 2005  
Tenner, Kita et al. 2017

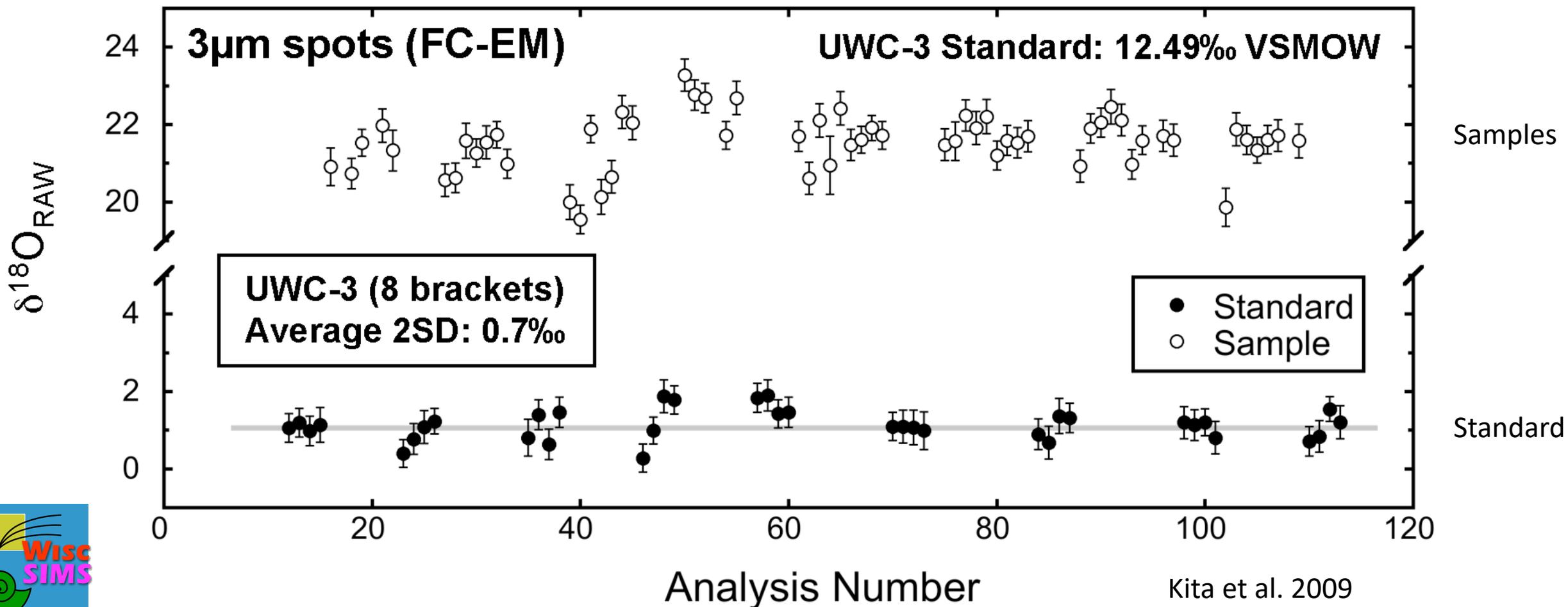


$\delta^{18}\text{O}$

Calcite

3- $\mu\text{m}$  spot, FC-EM

10  $\mu\text{m}$  spot:  $\pm 0.1\text{‰}$  1SD  
3  $\mu\text{m}$  spot:  $\pm 0.3\text{‰}$  1SD  
1  $\mu\text{m}$  spot:  $\pm 1\text{‰}$  1SD

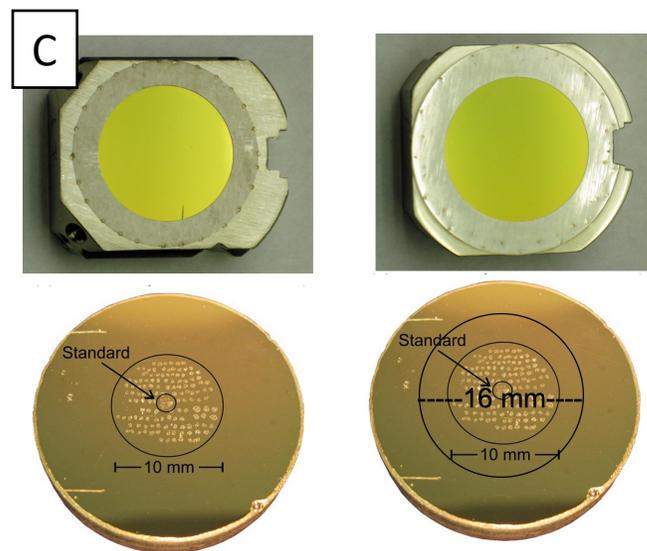
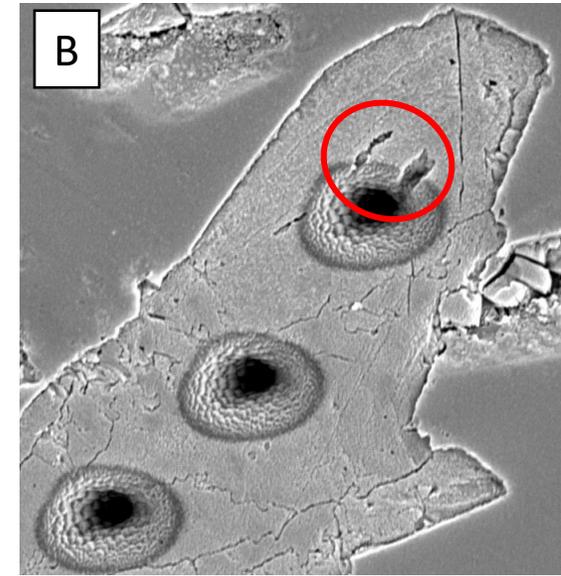
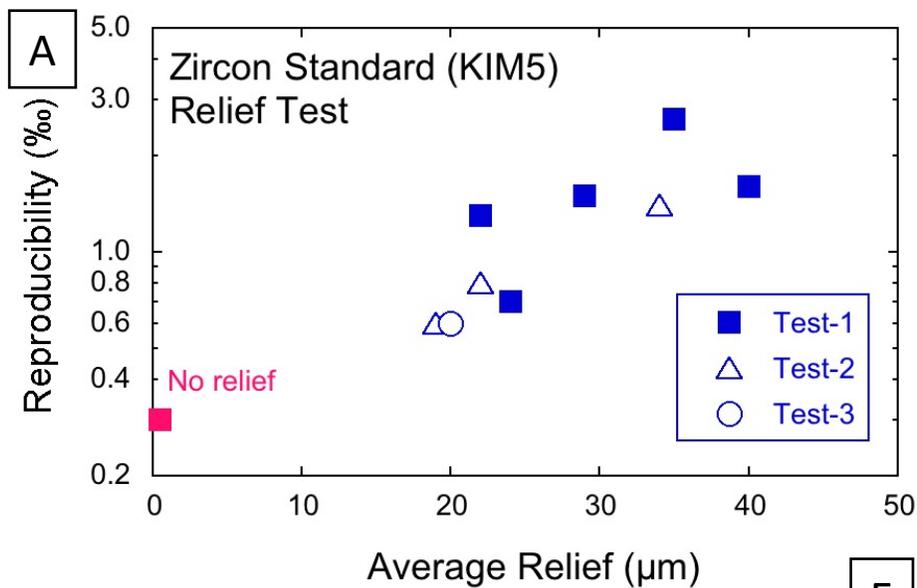


# Sample Preparation

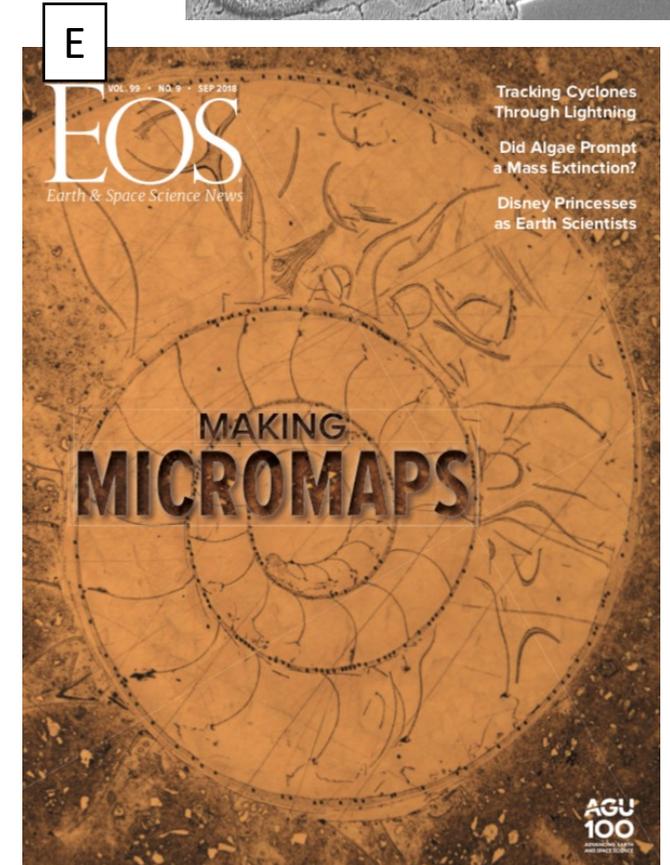
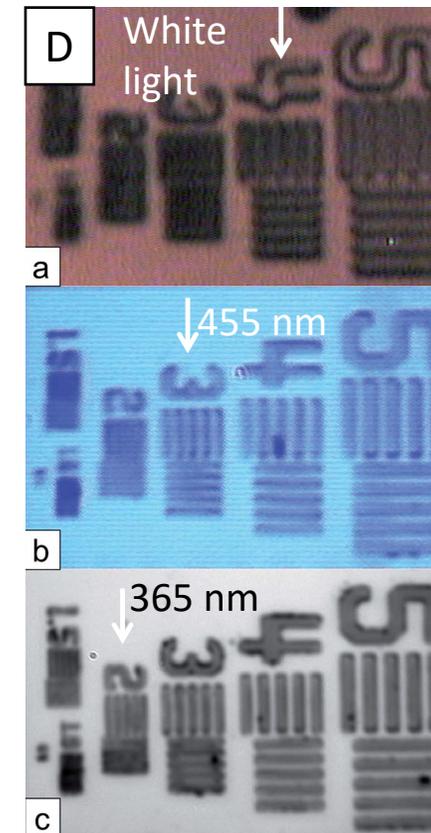
- A. Minimize surface relief, Kita et al. 2009
- B. Examine SIMS pits by SEM
- C. Larger sample holder, Peres et al. 2013
- D. UV viewing optics, Kita et al. 2015
- E. QGIS, Linzmeier et al. 2019

Automated analysis

Standards



Average Relief (μm)



# $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ IMF (bias)

# Accuracy requires standards (RMs)

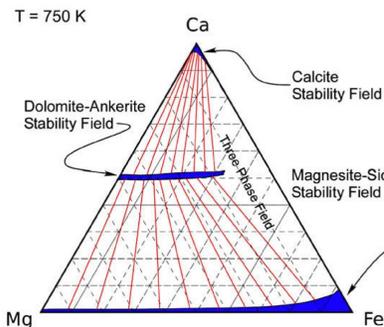
## Matrix effect of Ca-Mg-Fe carbonates

30 Inorganic Carbonate Standards

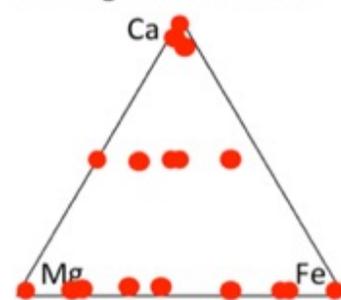


Valley 2022 GSA

Valley and Kita 2009  
Sliwinski et al. 2016a,b  
Kitajima et al., unpd

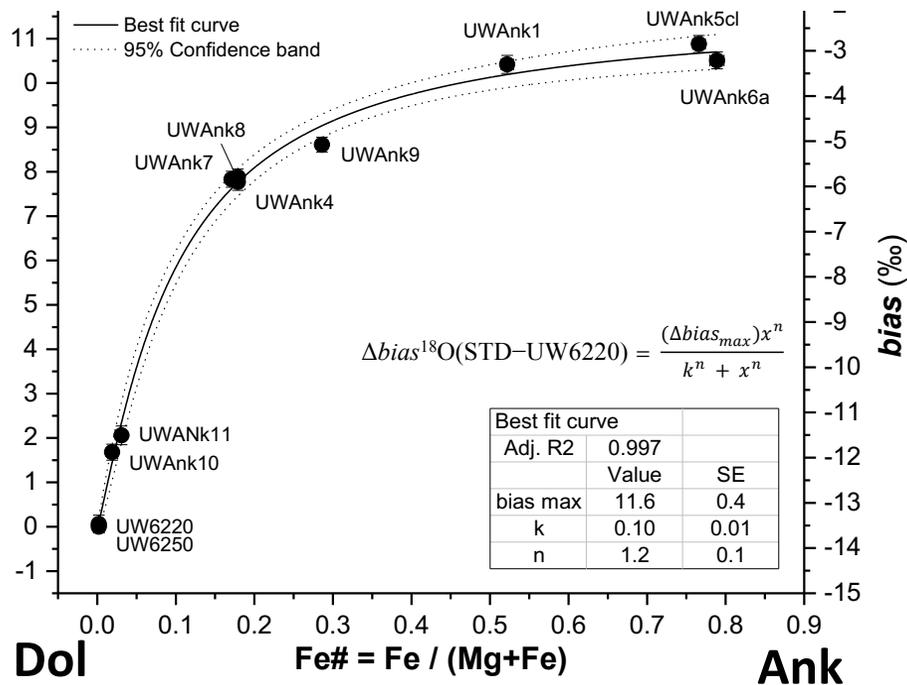
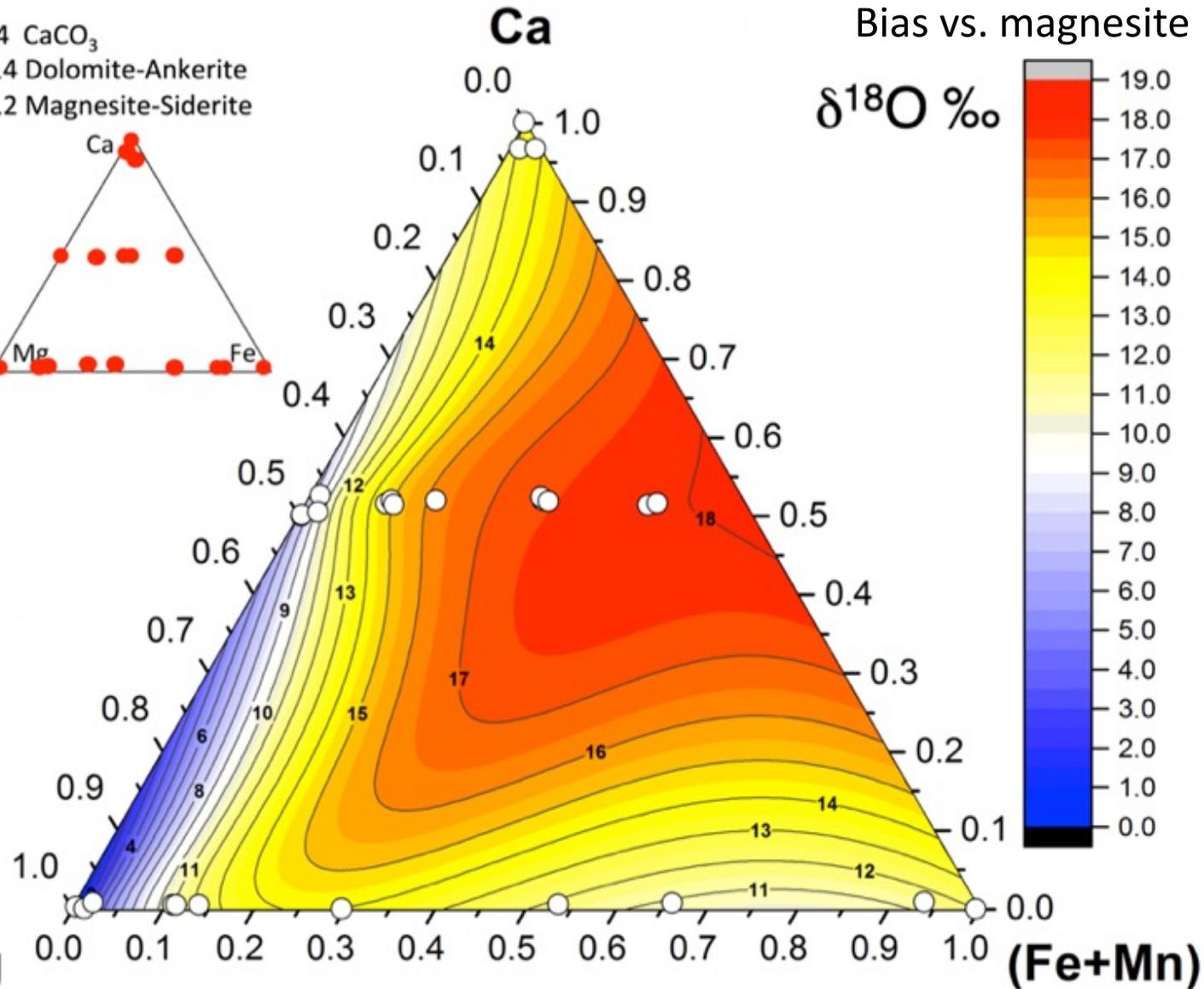
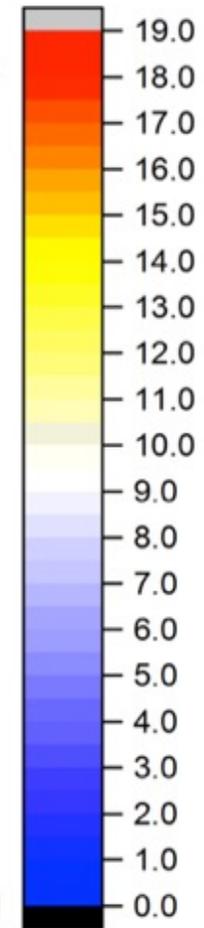


4  $\text{CaCO}_3$   
14 Dolomite-Ankerite  
12 Magnesite-Siderite



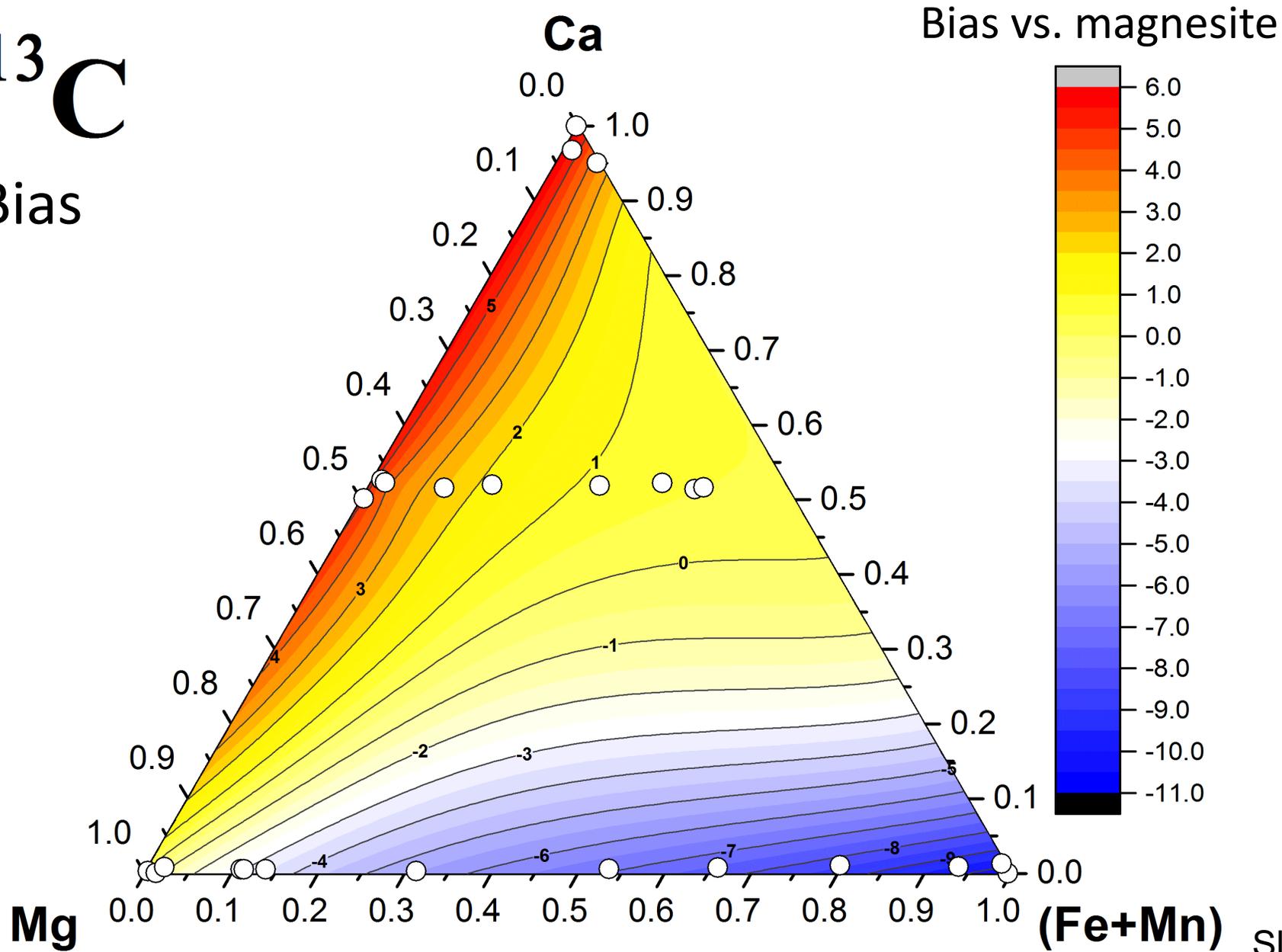
Bias vs. magnesite

$\delta^{18}\text{O}$  ‰



$\delta^{13}\text{C}$

Bias



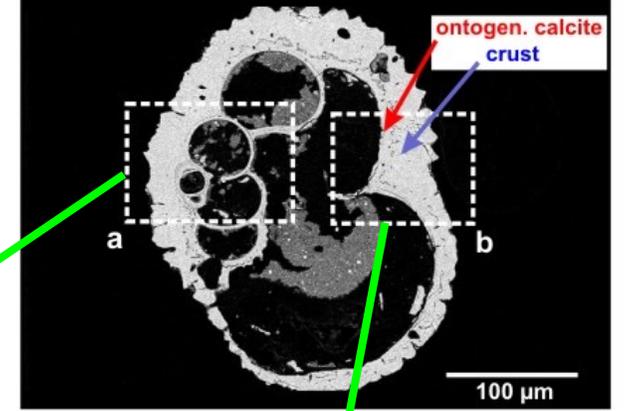
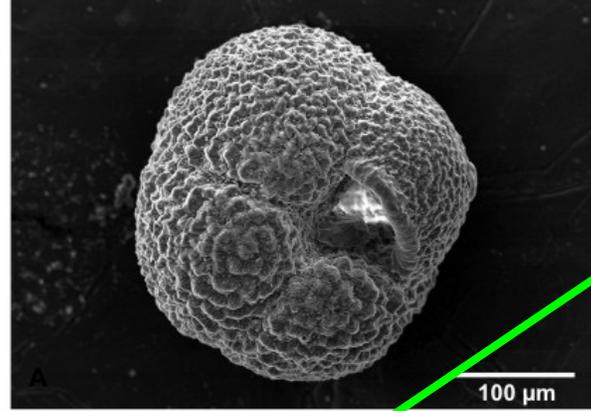
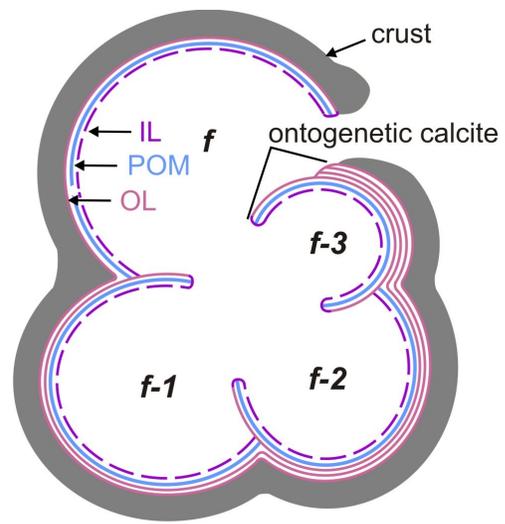
Sliwinski et al. 2016a,c  
Kitajima et al., unpd



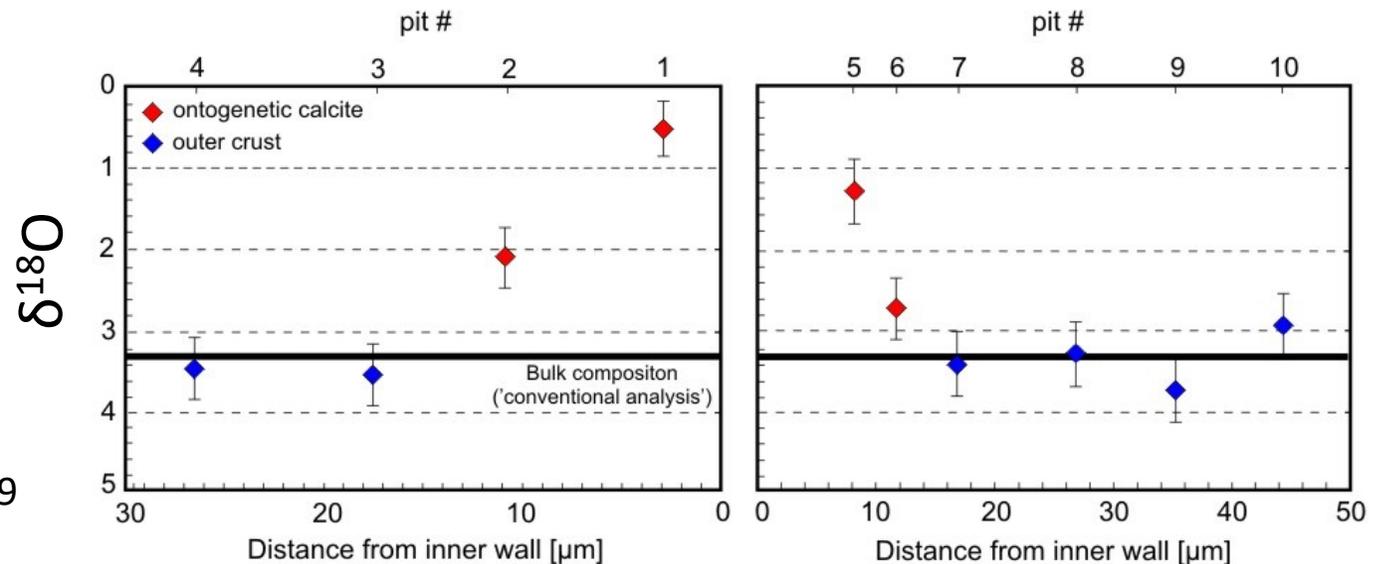
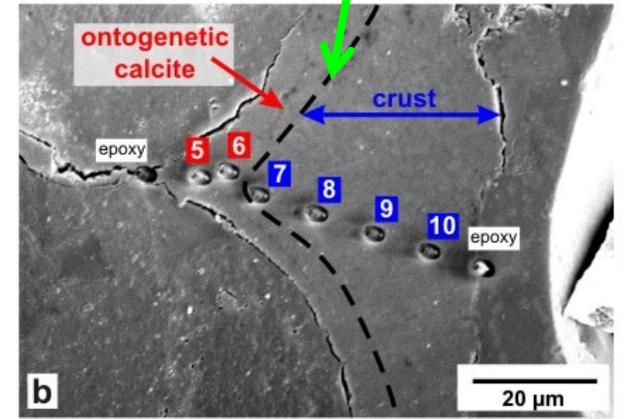
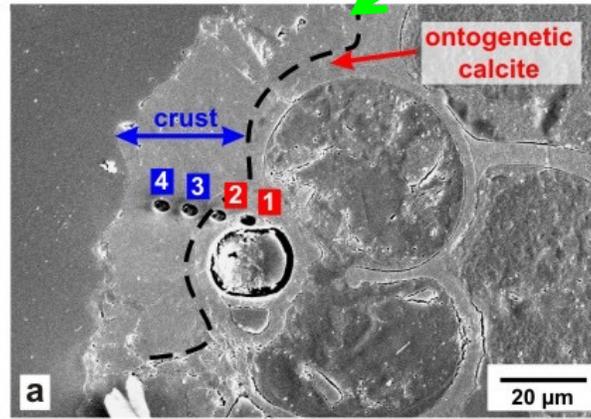
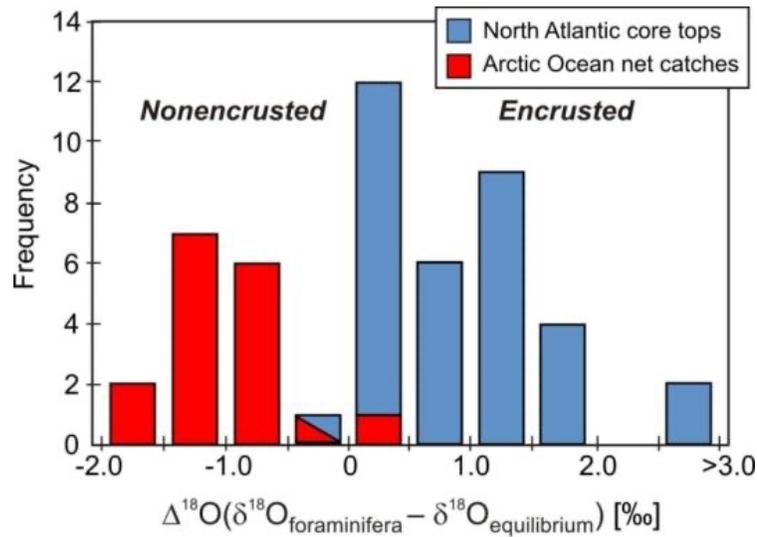
# Foraminifera

*N. pachyderma* (sin.)

Core top, N. Atlantic



## Vital Effects



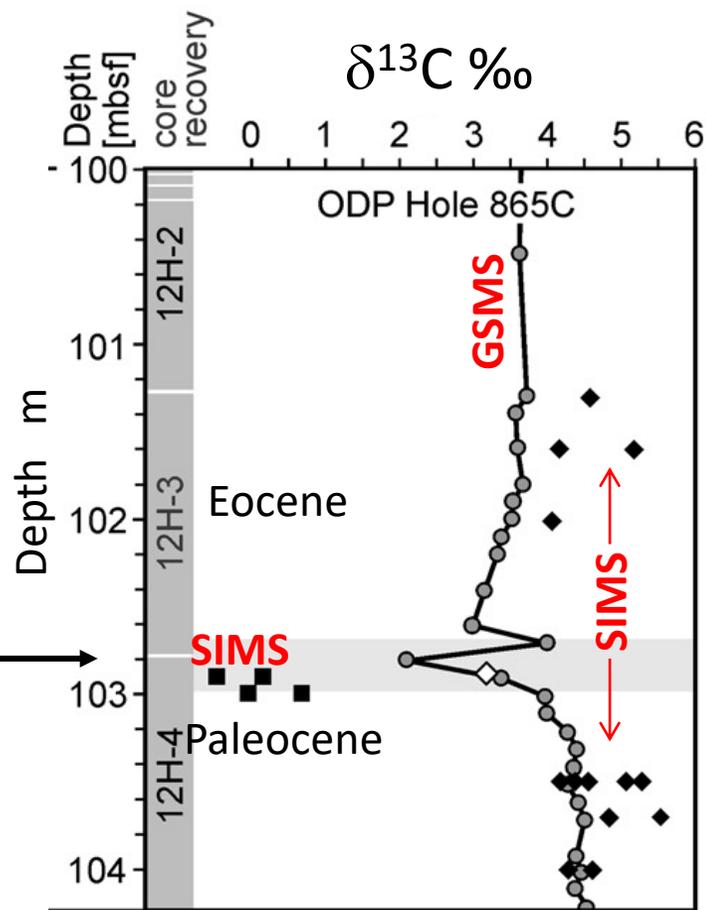
Kozdon et al. 2009



# $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ - Paleocene-Eocene Boundary

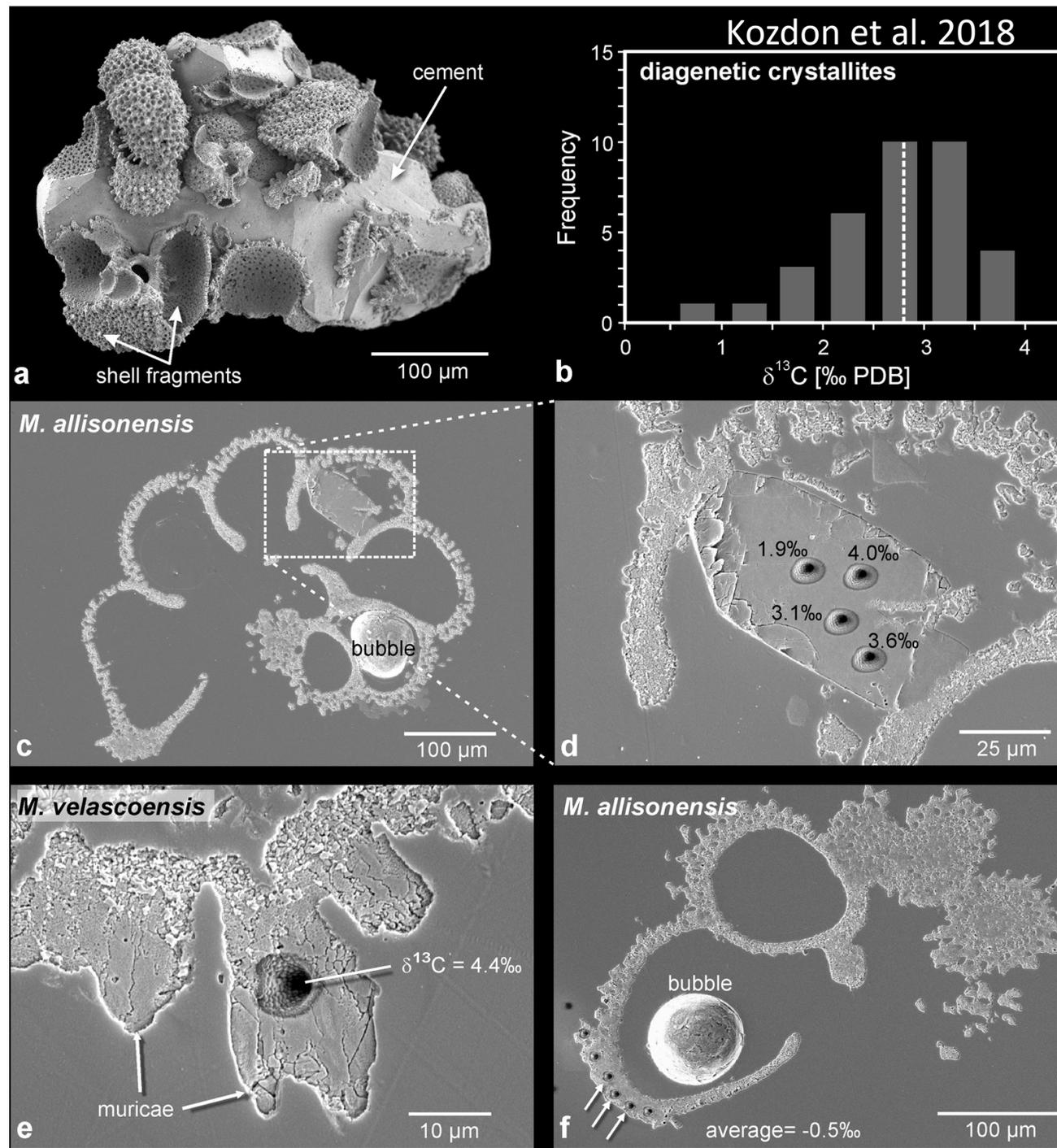
PETM Hothouse Event

CIE = Carbon Isotope Excursion



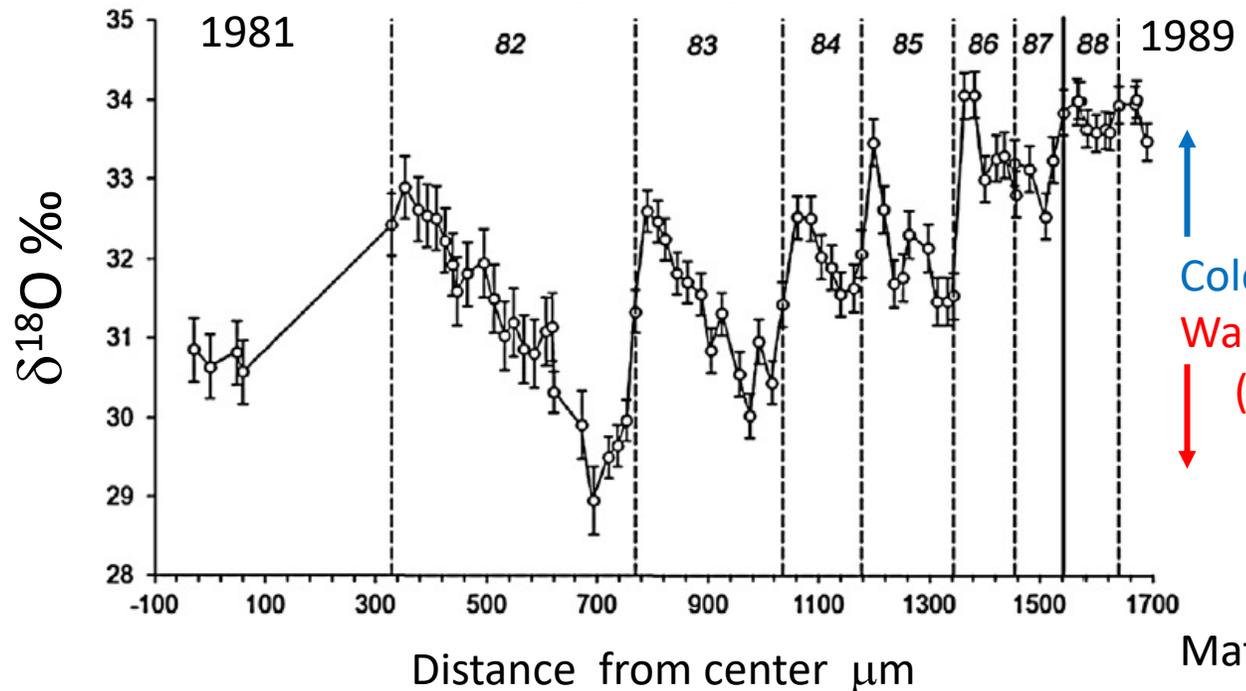
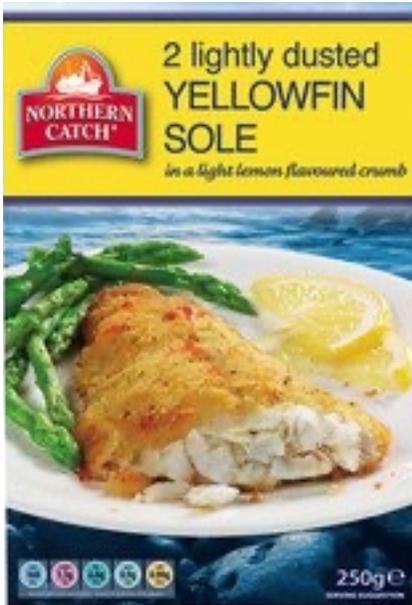
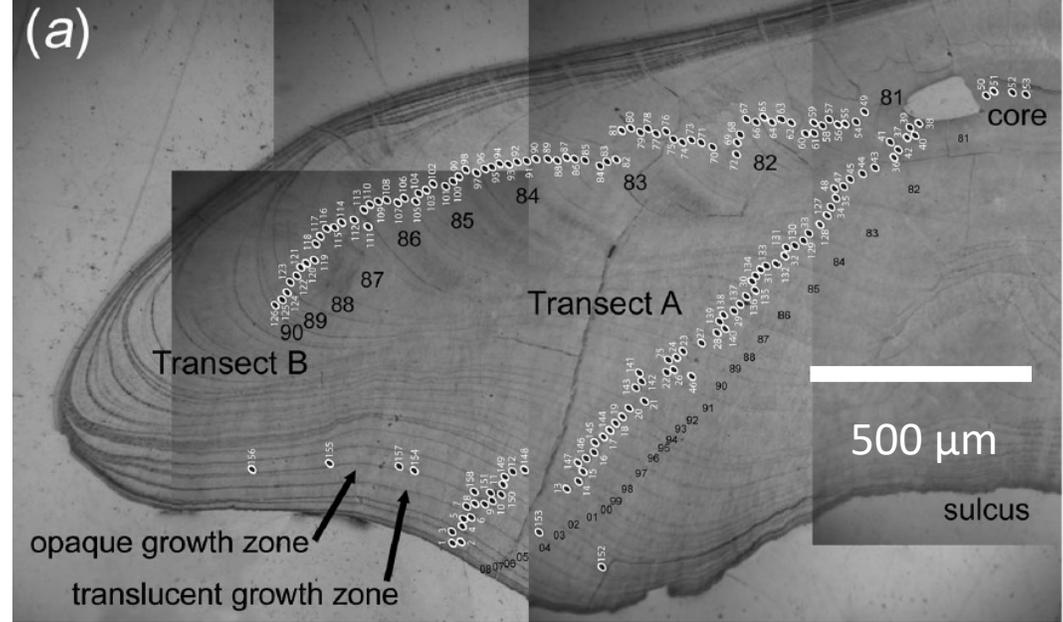
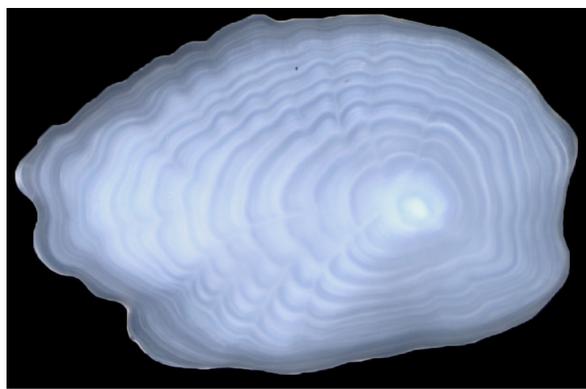
GSMS-  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  excursion CIE  $\sim 2.5 \text{ ‰}$   
Bralower et al. 1995

SIMS-  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  excursion CIE =  $4.6 \text{ ‰}$   
Kozdon et al. 2018



# Otoliths

aragonite  
Yellowfin Sole  
Bering Sea



Matta et al. 2013



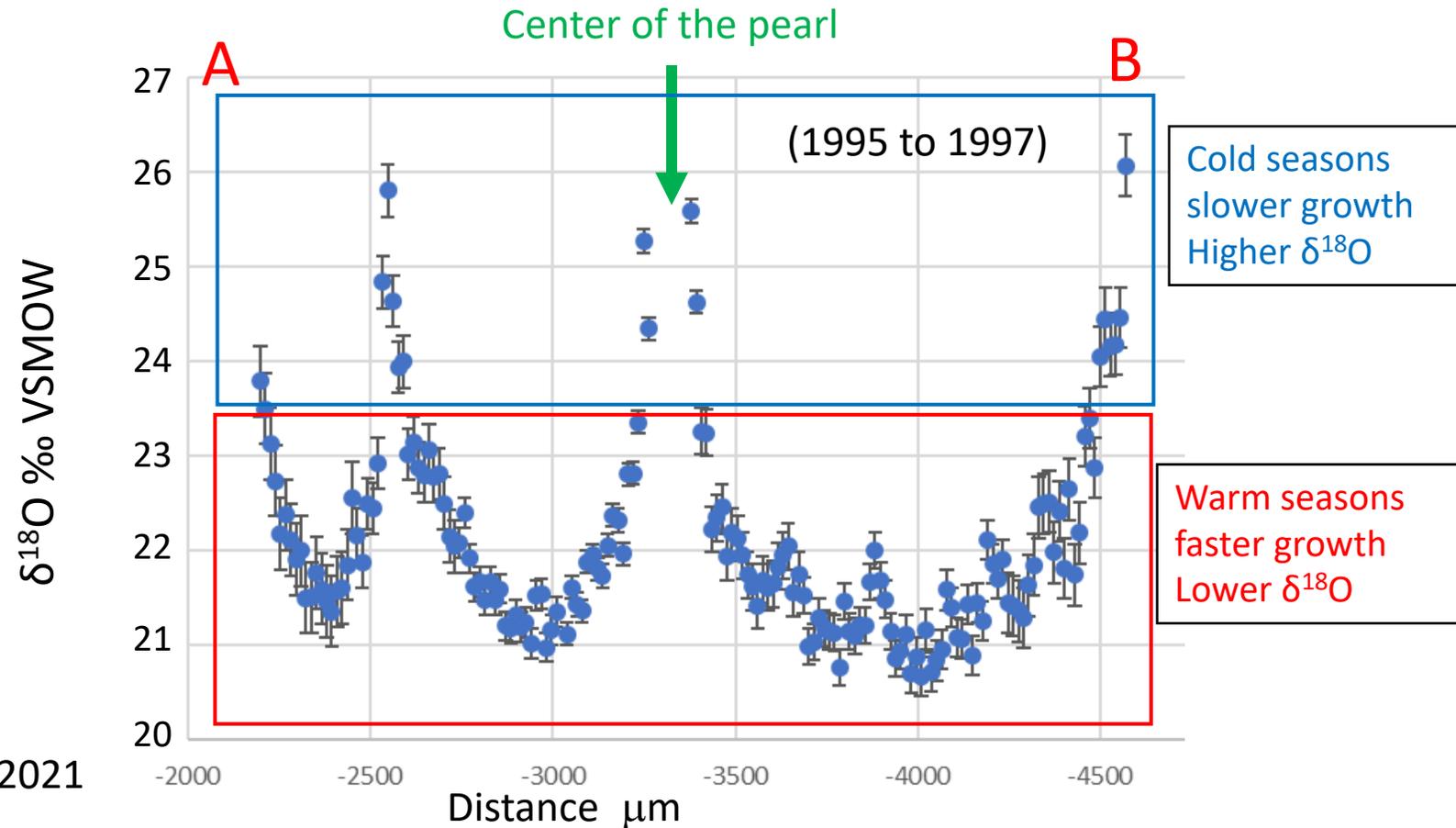
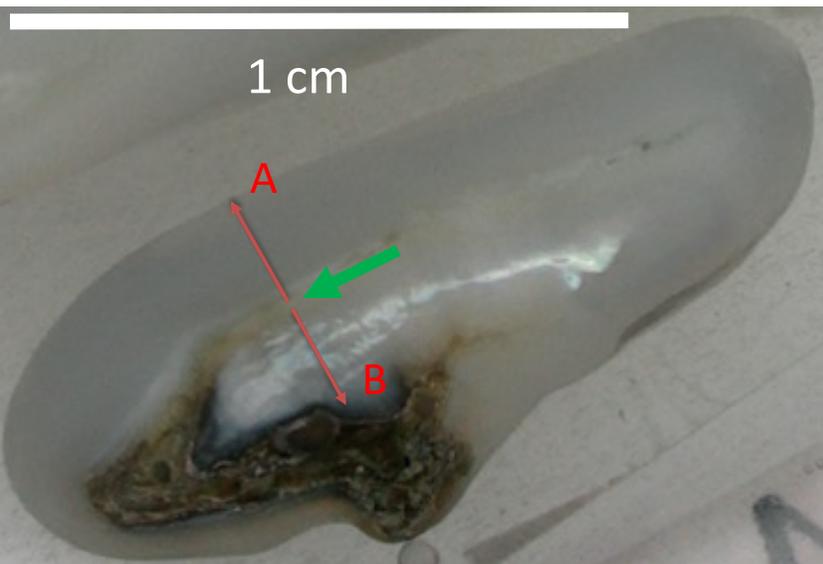
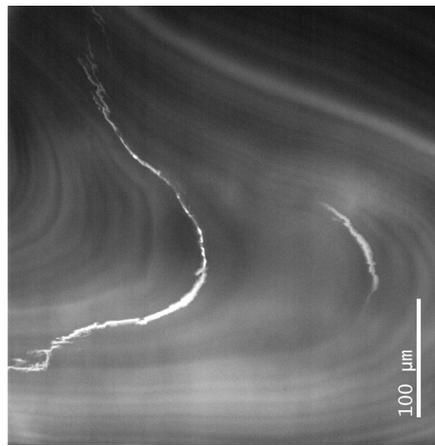
# Pearls

Aragonite

Freshwater cultured, 1995 to 1997

American Pearl Co., Kentucky Lake

Seasonal record of water T &  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$



GIA®



Farfan et al. 2021

# Accuracy vs. Precision

## **Precision** of SIMS measurements

Spot-to-spot reproducibility  
on homogeneous standard

## **Accuracy** of SIMS measurements

Sample preparation

Post-analysis: image pit, ion yield, OH

Bias (IMF): matrix effects

### **Reference standards**

calibrated & homogeneous

chemical & structural match to samples

**Biocarbonates are not Pure  $\text{CaCO}_3$**



# Offset- Biocarbonates- $\text{CaCO}_3$

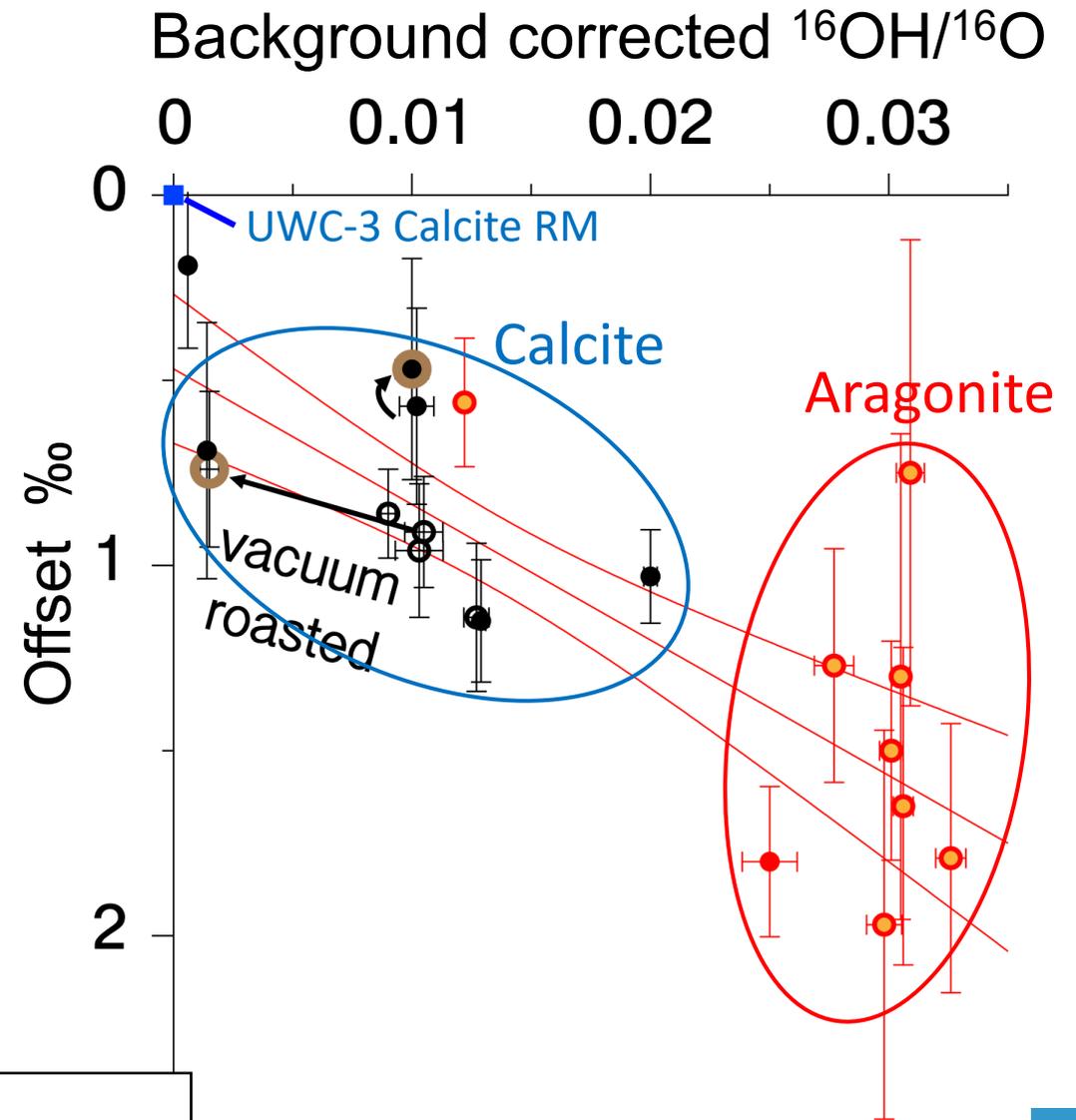
$$\text{Offset} = \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{GSMS}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SIMS}}$$

Background corrected OH/O ratios  
background subtracted,  
but not calibrated by RMs

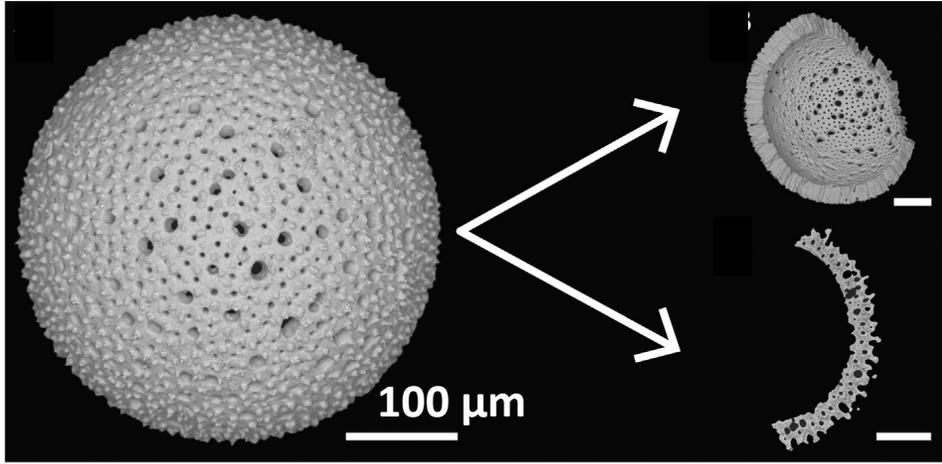
Biocarbonates  
Age < 75 ka  
N=4113 SIMS  
N=1117 IRMS

Orland et al. 2015 AGU, 2017  
Linzmeier et al. 2016  
Wycech 2017 PhD  
Orland 2012 PhD  
Helser et al. 2018  
Keul et al. 2016 AGU

Standards must match samples  
Biocarbonates are not Pure  $\text{CaCO}_3$   
Analysis of minor elements, water and OM in  $\text{CaCO}_3$

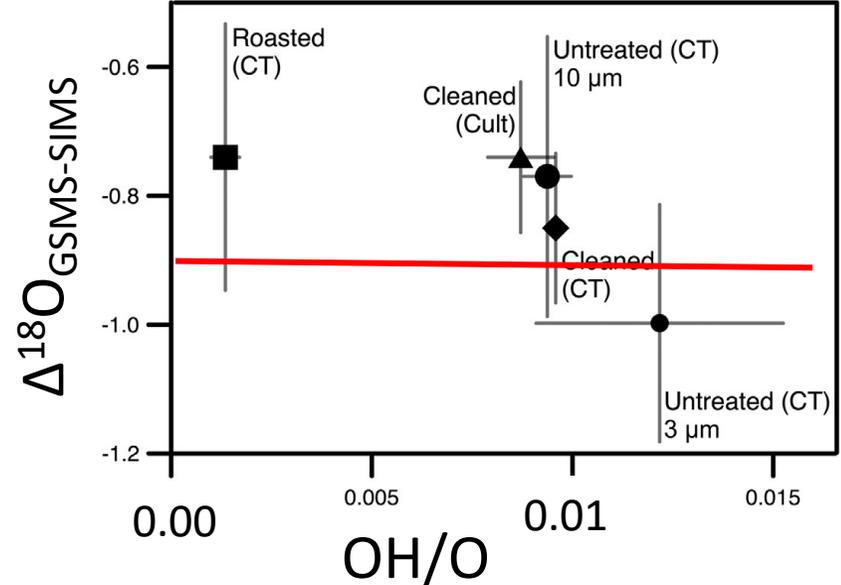
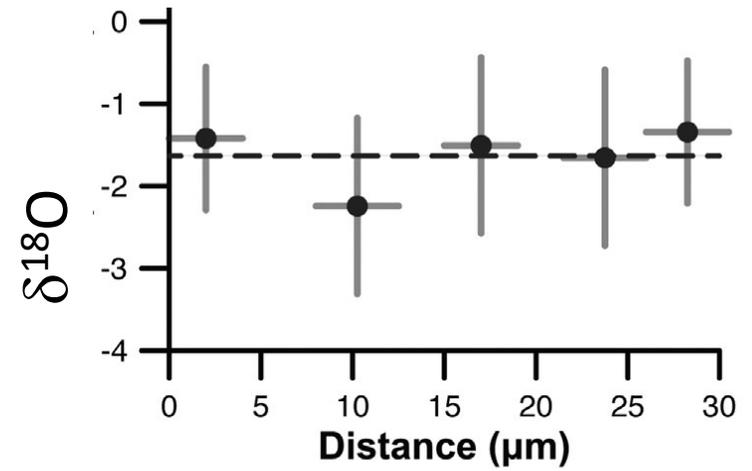
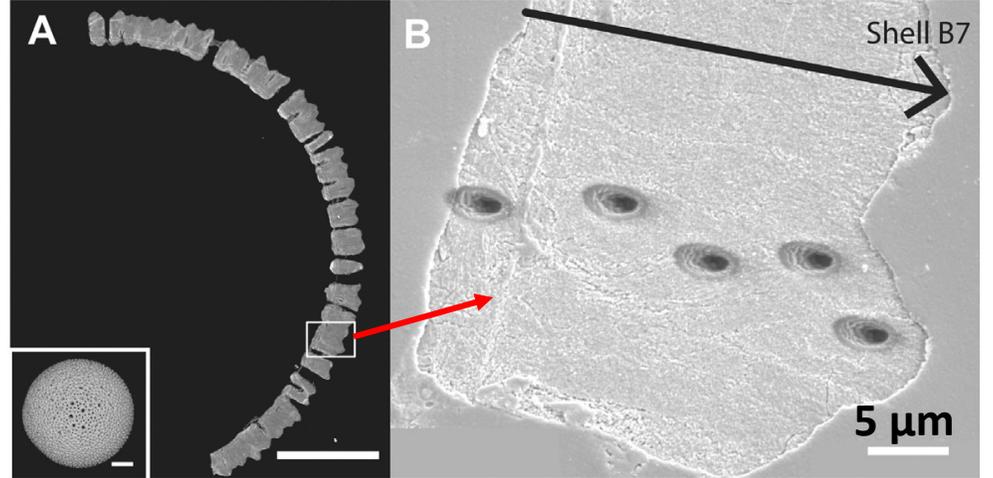


# Orbulina universa (calcite, modern)



Acid dissolution  
GSMS

SIMS



0.9 ‰

$$\Delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SIMS-GSMS}} = -0.9 \text{ ‰, at relatively low and constant OH/O}$$

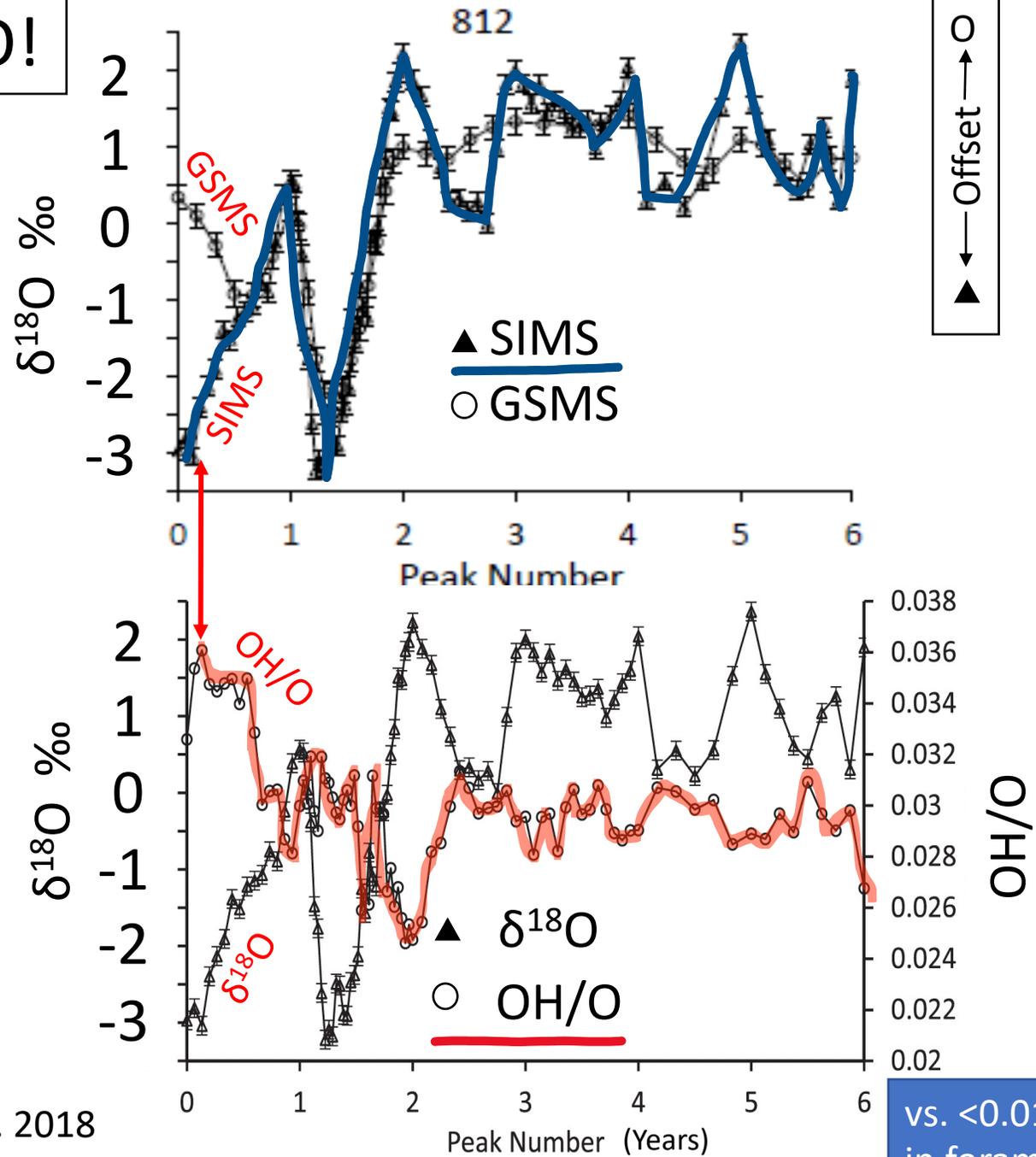
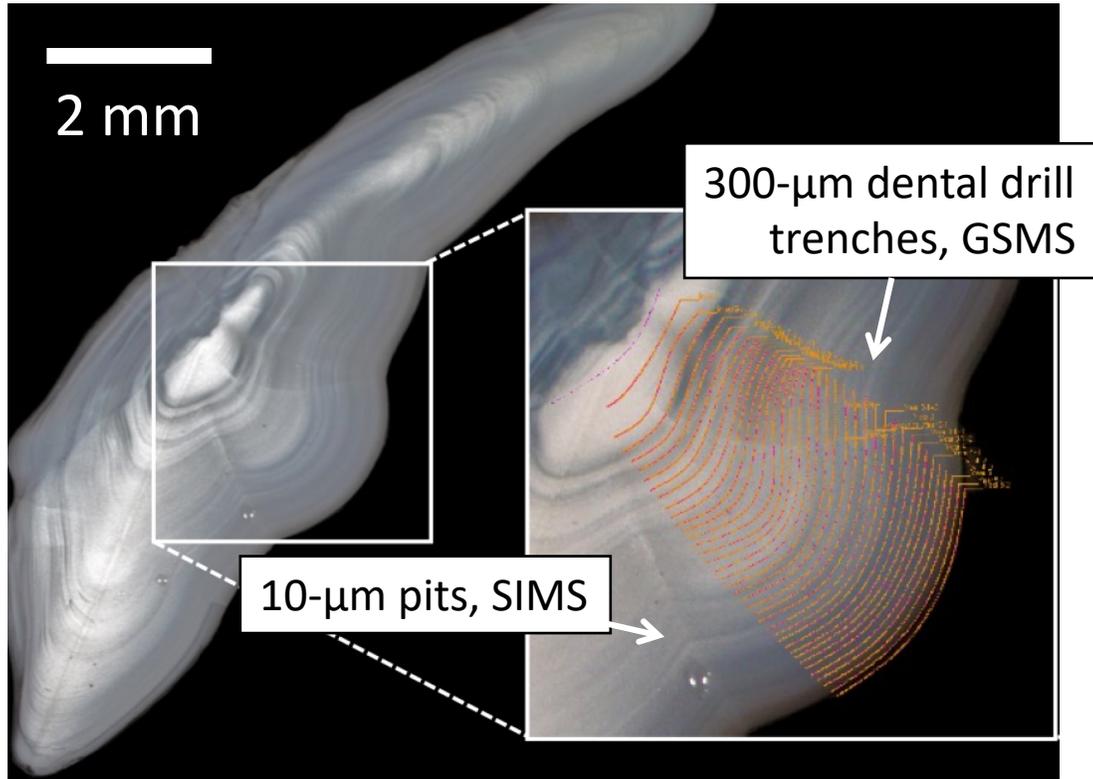
This offset is specific to sample type and instrument parameters.

Wycech et al. 2018



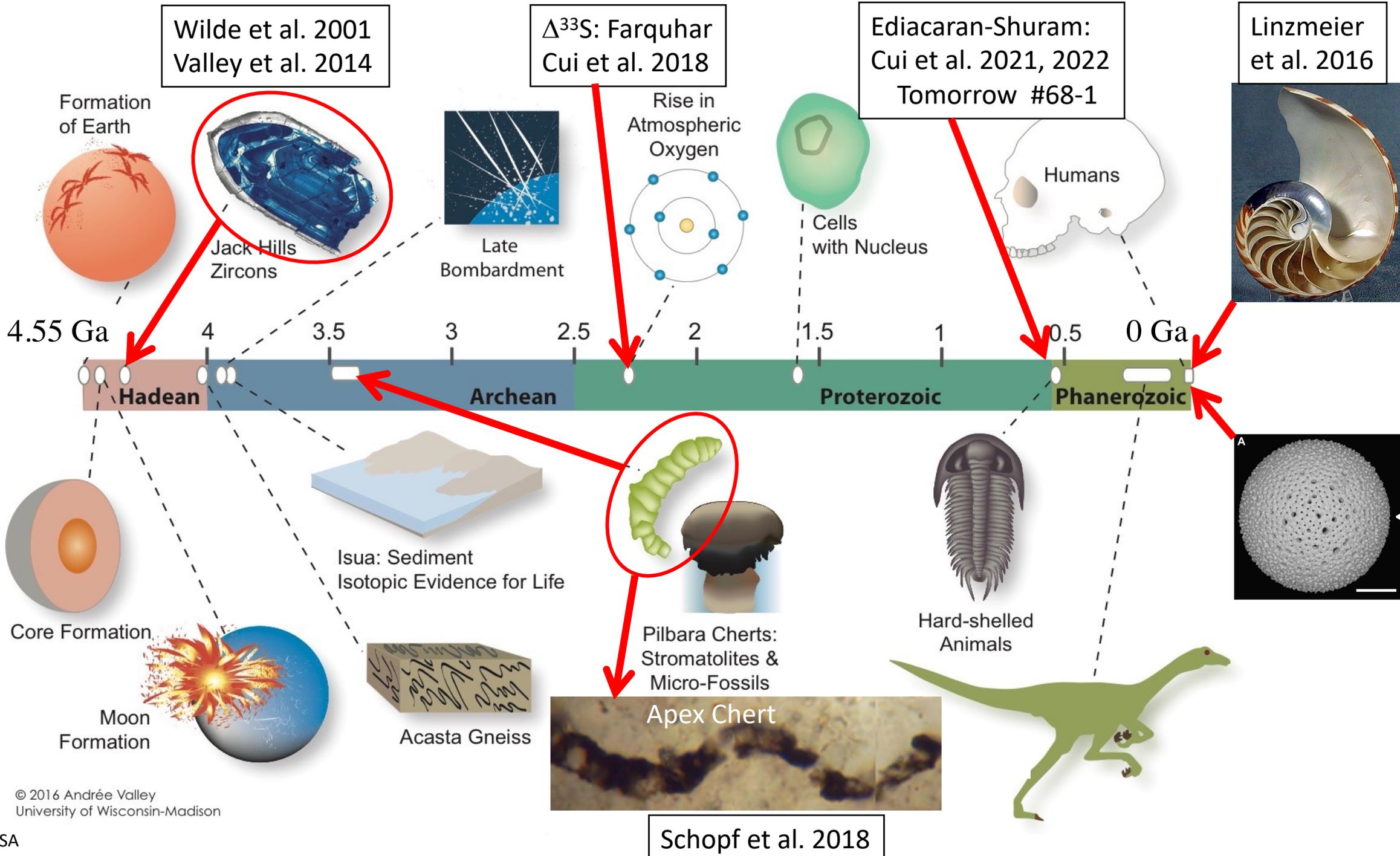
# BEWARE of variable high & OH/O!

P. cod Otoliths, Bering Sea  
 Aragonite, data logger (T, P, time)  
 Protein-rich summer growth, opaque  
 Protein-poor winter growth, dense & translucent



NOAA  
 FISHERIES

Helser et al. 2018





## Small, precious or zoned

Precision: varies with spot size, evaluate with running standards

Accuracy: sample preparation, RMs should match samples

